GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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ELECTIONS TO CANTONMENT BOARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Cantonment Boards are being run by the un-elected public representatives;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to conduct elections for Cantonment Boards;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The administration of the Cantonment Boards is being run through constitution of varied Cantonment Boards under Section 14 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 consisting of the Officer Commanding the Station, a military officer nominated by name by the Officer Commanding the Station and one member, not being a person in service of the Government, nominated by the Central Government in consultation with the Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Command.

(b) & (c): A new Cantonments Bill has been introduced in the Parliament. The Bill is under consideration in the Lok Sabha after being passed by the Rajya Sabha. Elections will be held after enactment of the Act.

(d) Does not arise.